

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
PRIORITY MAIL CONTRACTS
PRIORITY MAIL--NON-PUBLISHED RATES
(MC2011-15)

Docket No. CP2011-51

**MOTION FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE OF
CUSTOMER CONTRACT FILING NOTICE FOR
PRIORITY MAIL—NON-PUBLISHED RATES
SERIAL NUMBER ENDING: 0010-0247
(December 28, 2016)**

The United States Postal Service hereby moves for late acceptance of its notice of filing for the Priority Mail—Non-Published Rates (PMNPR) customer agreements, with serial numbers ending in 0010-0247, which the Postal Service has filed today in this docket. Commission Order No. 661 requires that notice of a new PMNPR contract must be filed within a “reasonable time” of the contract’s effective date. Regrettably, the notice for the majority of the agreements being filed today was not filed with the Commission in a timely manner, relative to each contract’s effective date.

Over the past year, the Postal Service converted a large number of customers from Commercial Plus pricing (CPP) agreements to PMNPR agreements in order to retain, or in certain cases, win back shipping business from customers after the January 2016 competitive price change. The majority of these PMNPR agreements became effective in the early part of 2016, which created a significant backlog of agreements that needed to be reviewed and properly catalogued prior to filing. At the time, the

Postal Service did not have established procedures in place for processing such a large number of PMNPR agreements within a short time period. Efforts to clear this backlog were also delayed in part by the increased number of contract filings pursuant to Governors' Decision 11-6, which require prior Commission approval. But since that time, the Postal Service was able to complete its review of all the PMNPR agreements signed in 2016, assign serial numbers for each agreement, and prepare a consolidated financial inputs file that pertains to each agreement.

The Postal Service does not expect another significant influx of new PMNPR agreements within a short window in the near future, and more recently, the number of agreements has stabilized in recent months. The Postal Service expects to utilize the procedures it has developed over the course of this year to provide the Commission with reasonable notice of all future PMNPR agreements, in accordance with Order No. 661, now that the backlog has been cleared. Additionally, data pertaining to these contracts filed today will also be reported as part of the Postal Service's Annual Compliance Review, which will soon be filed.

Thus, the Postal Service respectfully moves for late acceptance of its notice filing for the instant contracts. The Postal Service regrets the delay in filing its notice, but submits that no party has been materially prejudiced by the delay, particularly given that these agreements fall within the PMNPR grouping authorized by Governors' Decision 10-6, and within an approved contract template and price ranges.

Respectfully submitted,

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